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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Attorney Docket No.: 2418.95US01

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Application No.: Unknown

Filed: *Of Even Date*

For: METHOD FOR SEPARATING BAST FIBERS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

The present amendment comprises the following sections:

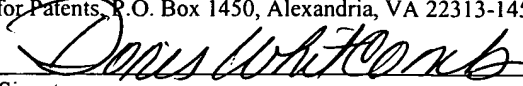
- A. Amendments to the Specification
- B. Amendments to the Claims
- C. Remarks

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